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SUBJECT: EC- YUGOSLAV NEGOTIATIONS

REF: BELGRADE 1741 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. MARINKOVIC, THE DCM OF THE YUGOSLAV
MISSION, HAS BRIEFED US ON THE UGOSLAV/ EC NEGOTIATIONS
ALONG LINES OF THE REPORT IN THE REFTEL. HE ADDED
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SEVERAL POINTS OF INTEREST. END SUMMARY.

2. THE PRESENT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30 IN THE HOPE THAT NEGOTIATION OF THE NEW AGREEMENT CAN BE COMPLETED BEFORE AUGUST AND ENTER INTO FORCE IN THE FALL. MARINKOVIC IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE OUTCOME BUT SEVERAL TRICKY PROBLEMS REMAIN. HE IDENTIFIED THREE OF THEM: (A) THE TREATMENT THE COMMUNITY WILL ACCORD IMPORTS OF YUGOSLAV BABY BEEF; (B) TREATMENT OF CANNED PORK MEAT IN THE UK MARKET; AND (C) CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN FOR GOODS ENTERING THE COMMUNITY FROM MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES HAVING PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE EC AND TRANSITING YUGOSLAV PORTS. WHILE DETAILS OF THE TRANSIT QUESTION ARE COMPLEX, MARINKOVIC SAID THAT THE PRACTICAL EFFECT OF THE PRESENT COMMUNITY SYSTEM IS TO TAKE BUSINESS AWAY FROM YUGOSLAV PORTS AND FUNNEL IT THROUGH TRIESTE.

3. MARINKOVIC EMPHASIZED THAT THE EC/ YUGOSLAV AGREEMENT WILL BE QUOTE NON- PREFERENTIAL UNQUOTE IN CONTRAST TO THE OTHER MEDITERRANEAN AGREEMENTS TO WHICH THE US HAS OBJECTED. WE REMINDED HIM THAT, WHILE THIS IS TRUE AS A GENERAL MATTER, THE US HAS CONSIDERED THE UNDERSTANDING ON BABY BEEF TO INVOLVE CONDITIONAL MFN. MARINKOVIC WAS AWARE OF THIS POINT. HE SAID THAT, IN FACT, THE COMMUNITY IS AT PRESENT OFFERING A DEAL NOT QUITE AS GOOD AS THAT UNDER THE EXISTING AGREEMENT. WHILE BABY BEEF IS IMPORTANT, YUGOSLAV OBJECTIVES GO WELL BEYOND THIS SINGLE PRODUCT INCLUDING, AS NOTED IN THE REFTEL, BROADER COOPERATION ON SUCH MATTERS AS CONDITIONS FOR YUGOSLAV WORKERS IN THE COMMUNITY.

4. COINCIDENTALLY WITH THE TRADE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS, THE COMMUNITY AND YUGOSLAVIA HAVE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES. THIS AD HOC AGREEMENT WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE YUGOSLAVIA IS NOT A PARTY TO THE LTA. CONSEQUENTLY, IT HAD NOT BENEFITED FROM THE COMMUNITY'S GENERALIZED PREFERENCES SCHEME ON TEXTILES (WHICH IS RESERVED FOR SUPPLIERS THAT ARE PARTIES TO THE LTA). THE AD HOC AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL REMOVE QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND PERMIT DUTY FREE ENTRY OF COTTON TEXTILES ON CONDITION THAT YUGOSLAVIA HOLD ITS EXPORTS WITHIN CERTAIN CEILINGS ON A PRODUCT- BY- PRODUCT BASIS.
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